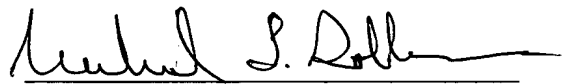


REMARKS

The paper is submitted in response to the March 8, 2005, communication, indicating that the claim amendments are improper. Applicants submit that the error noted in that communication has now been corrected. In view of the remarks set forth in the December 2, 2004, Amendment and the December 23, 2004, Supplemental Response, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

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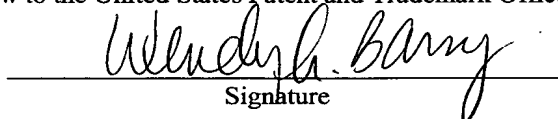
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